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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

This is in response to the applicant's request for clarification of examiner's requirement for information under 37 C.F.R. j 1.105.

Applicants respond as follows:

The applicant states that they do not understand the request for the prior art alluded to on page 4 of the specification. Page 4 of the specification reads as follows:

Some web sites avoid this manual authentication altogether. Such web sites store the identity of the buyer on the buyer's computer, for example, as a cookie. When the buyer next accesses the web site, the web site can automatically identify the buyer by receiving the buyer's identification that was stored on the buyer's computer. The web site can then retrieve and use the buyer's sensitive information without requiring manual authentication. This approach, however, is only practical when the buyer knows that no unauthorized person access the buyer's computer.


A complete reply to the request should include those web sites that the applicant has identified. In particular, the applicant is requested to identify those web auction web sites designed to which are programmed to automatically identify the buyer by receiving the buyer's identification.

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The applicant also states that they need clarification of the Examiner's request for specific improvements of the subject matter in claims 44-59, 71-85, and 122-139 over the disclosed prior art. The request is made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.105(a)(1)(VI). The applicant states that 37 C.F.R. 1.105(a)(1)(VI) applies only to claims of a Jespon format. The examiner finds no such limitation of the applicability of 37 C.F.R. 1.105(a)(1)(VI). Moreover, no such limitation is found in MPEP 704.10. As discussed above the applicant speaks to prior art web sites that avoid manual authentication by automatically authenticating the user. The examiner is merely requesting the applicant to point to those claimed improvements which are not found in these prior art web sites.

This requirement is subject to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.134, 1.135 and 1.136 and has a shortened statutory period of TWO months. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Richard C Weisberger whose telephone number is 571 272 6753. The examiner can normally be reached during the hours covered under the Maxiflex program.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vince Millin can be reached on 571 272 6747. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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